

## FILTER DEVICE

### Abstract of the Disclosure

A filter device for the insertion of filter elements (28) to be positioned in a filter housing (10) having a filter inlet (20) and a filter outlet (22) for the fluid to be filtered. The filter elements (28) are traversed in both directions for filtration or backwashing. Certain filter elements (28) perform the filtration in a filtration position and at least one additional filter element (28) can be backwashed in a backwashing position to clean its active filtration surface. As the individual filter elements (28) are brought into the backwashing position and are then returned to their filtration position in succession by a pivoting device (30), the filter elements are individually displaced into the backwashing position in a temporal sequence, in contrast to prior art, where an arm-type backwashing device is pivoted towards the individual filter elements to carry out the backwashing process.